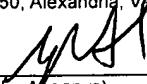


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 13, 2006, for which a response was due on April 13, 2006. This response is filed with a request for three months extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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